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### Woodstock bows out of passenger rail effort; others 'stay the course'

BY ALISON ALOISIO

"I'm very disillusioned with it, quite frankly. It's not going to come in our lifetime."

With those comments at the last Woodstock selectmen's meeting, Town Manager Vern Maxfield and the board agreed he should end his role as a member of the Androscoggin Oxford Coos Counties Corridor Committee, which is seeking to return passenger rail service to the Bethel area and beyond to Montreal.

Maxfield, who said he has been attending "about every other meeting" of the panel, said the effort seems to be "pie in the sky. From my perspective, it's a waste of my time. I don't think it's going

to happen. They've been promoting it as though it's going to make money, and no passenger rail has ever made money in the U.S."

He also said the effort is being promoted with the idea that "people who stay in Auburn a week or so are going to take the train to Sunday River. That's not going to happen. They're going to go on their schedule, not the train's schedule."

Selectman Rick Young agreed. "They didn't do it before," he said, referring to Sunday River's ski train project of 20 years ago, which had anticipated eventual rail service to Montreal, but ended after two years when that did not materialize.

Young also noted that taxpayers have to subsidize Amtrak train service.

Of any potential future train service through here, Selectman Ron Deegan said, "I'd ride it one time just to say I rode on it. That's it."

Maxfield also said passenger rail supporters "want to tie the [Oxford] casino to it. Then you've got to have a shuttle from the casino to the train station."

Young and Deegan supported Maxfield bowing out of service on the committee.

"I say put your time somewhere else," said Deegan.

**RECENT LEGISLATION**  
The AOCOC dates back to Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce discussions be-

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DR. SEUSS AT WES-The Woodstock Elementary School celebrated Dr. Seuss Spirit Week last week. Each day had a designated theme. Here, Atalie Campbell shows off her "Cat in the Hat" whiskers. For more photos, see Page 9.

Pam House

### A life preserved in pictures: Nettie Cummings Maxim

BY AMY CHAPMAN

More than a century ago, a Bethel farm girl who rarely traveled more than a few miles from her home acquired a camera, found her artistic calling, and created an exceptional body of work.

Her photography survives today as a testament to her creativity and talent and as an invaluable historic record of her life and times in rural Maine.

Nettie Cummings Maxim was born, raised, and lived out her life on a farm on Bird Hill, a mile or so outside the

village of Locke's Mills. Married at 17, she remained on the family farm with her husband, and had three children by the time she was 21.

Like all farm wives of her time, her life revolved around childcare, preserving the farm's bounty, sewing her family's clothing, cooking for them and for the many hired hands, and countless other chores. She died tragically young, at 33, in the same farmhouse in which she was born.

It could have been an unremarkable life. Except for her children and their descen-

dants, there might have been little left behind to show that Nettie Maxim ever existed, had it not been for her discovery, early in life, of the passion that resulted in an enduring legacy.

In 1895, while still in her teens, she acquired her first camera, and for the next 15 years, she managed to carve time out of her busy schedule to create thousands of images depicting rural and small-town life at the turn of the 20th century.

**More than a casual hobby**  
Within a few years, Nettie graduated from her one-and-a-half-inch by two-inch format starter camera to

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### Does Newry need more parking?

BY ALISON ALOISIO

Should Newry expand parking at the Grange Hall and provide it on the Sunday River Road?

That question was posed to selectmen Monday by resident Gary Drown, who cited overflow parking on Route 26 at last month's Town Meeting, and congested parking by the Artists Covered Bridge during weddings.

"When we went to Town Meeting we ended up parking on 26," he said. "I don't

know how much land the town owns, that the parking lot could be expanded. If that continues, we're going to need a bigger parking lot."

On the Sunday River Road, Drown noted two scenarios.

He said the Mountain Explorer bus service would come as far as Powder Ridge if there was a place to turn around.

And, he said, "We have a lot of weddings at the covered bridge. The Sunday River trolley parks near the covered bridge. That's a pretty

wide vehicle that takes up a lot of room, so when you have the trolley on one side and cars on the other, it presents somewhat of a problem."

He wondered if the town would consider buying land for a lot, possibly at the foot of Douglass Road. "That would be a good place for the shuttle to park, as well as the Mountain Explorer. People could also come from Nordic Knoll and park and use the shuttle," he said.

"My knee jerk reaction is it wouldn't be very well received, because land over there is pretty expensive," said Selectman Wendy Hanscom.

Drown said that while lots at Sunday River are expensive, he thought the town could get space at the potential parking location for less.

Selectman Jim Largess was also skeptical. "My initial reaction is I don't know that that is something we need, but that's not thought out. You said it three minutes ago."

Replied Drown, "You can form a committee and take 10 years to look at it if you want. That's the way things seem to run in this town. We form a committee and we look at it for a year. We raise money and then we do something else in the third year. Or we can do things and get something done."

Said Hanscom, "There's no making everyone happy, because for the last few years, you know, when we didn't have a committee, nobody was happy. I don't know what to tell you."

Largess told Drown, "You have every right to ask the

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### Sunday River Food and Beverage aims for happy customers

BY SCOTT ANDREWS,  
SPECIAL TO THE CITIZEN

Forget about the stale sandwiches, leathery hamburgers and soggy French fries. They're history - unhappy history.

Fortunately for today's snowsports enthusiasts, those unhappy memories of ski lodge cafeterias have gone the way of T-bars, lace-up boots and long thongs - at least at the leading resorts in the U.S.

Vastly improved quality plus a vast array of choices in food and beverage is the new normal at ski resorts across the U.S., and it's part of an increasing change of focus toward creating positive overall experiences - versus narrowly emphasizing on-hill operations.

That's the industry's new mantra, according to Michael Berry, the longtime executive director of the National Ski Areas Association. Based in Colorado, NSAA is

a non-profit trade association that represents virtually all the industry's leaders. These include Sunday River, Sugarloaf and all the other ski areas owned by their parent company, Boyne Resorts.

Berry notes that in recent decades, the ski industry has made huge improvements in what he calls "the uphill-downhill experience" - meaning lifts, trails, snowmaking, grooming and other functions that fall under the operations rubric. High-speed chairlifts and enhancements to snowmaking and trail grooming have made the uphill-downhill experience more enjoyable for the industry's millions of customers.

Making similar enhancements to the hospitality side of the business is the industry's necessary next step, according to Berry. It's key to enticing those customers to return - and keep returning year after year.

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**AEROSMITH DRUMMER TAKES A COFFEE BREAK IN BETHEL**-A coffee fanatic since his early teens, Aerosmith drummer Joey Kramer created and founded Rockin' & Roastin', an organic certified coffee line, in 2012 to fulfill his second lifelong dream: to be an entrepreneur. He chose coffee because he said, he had "not been able to find a decent cup of coffee in 40 years of concert tours." The coffee is available in 3,000 locations nationwide, including restaurants, lodging places, colleges, grocery stores, etc. Taking a break from touring with his band, last week Kramer came to Maine and Bethel to meet with businesses that serve his coffee. One of those in Bethel is the Bethel Inn. He is shown here (front center) with some of the staff at the inn. Other scheduled stops here included the Bethel Foodliner, 22 Broad Street, Black Diamond Steakhouse and Sunday River Brew Pub. "I do coffee the same as I do music," said Kramer. "It makes people happy." The coffees are from his favorite coffee regions of the world: Ethiopia, Guatemala and Sumatra.

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# Gilead voters quickly approve warrant

BY TERRY KARKOS,  
SUN MEDIA

Gilead Town Meeting voters wasted no time Saturday evening approving a budget that will raise \$20,000 more in taxes than last year.

With little discussion and just a few questions, all articles passed as read in 27 minutes. Town Clerk Lin

Chapman said the meeting was one of the shortest in recent history.

After electing Paul Handlen as moderator, about 40 voters approved a budget of \$192,574. It includes an increase for the Fire Department, road paving and \$10,000 in repairs to the town bucket loader.

The Fire Department

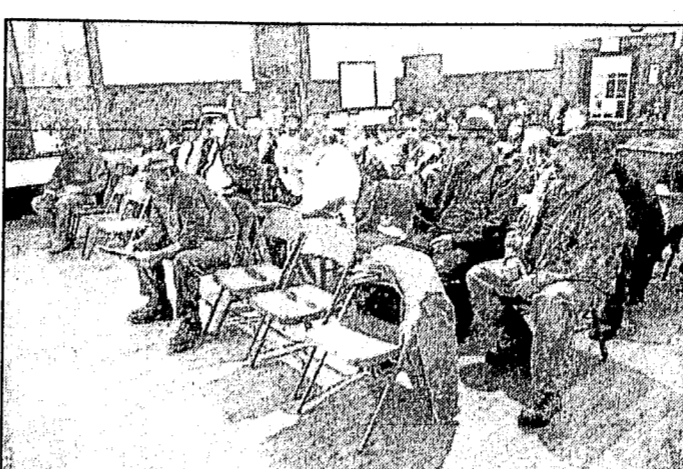
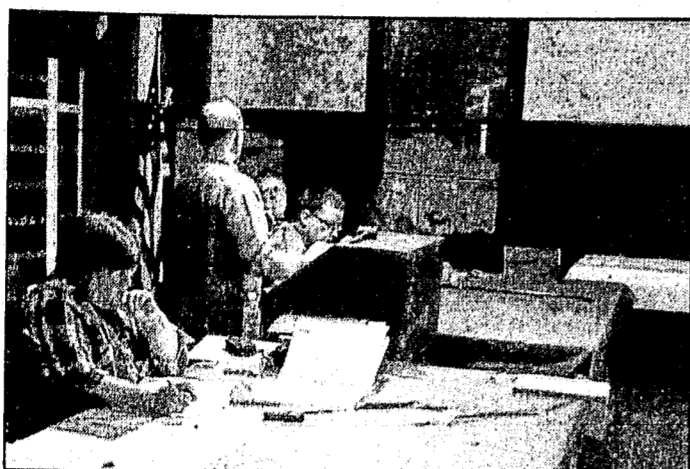
asked for \$28,000, which is up from last year's \$21,000. Equipment purchases are needed to meet state requirements.

A stretch of North Road on Wight's Hill will get paved, thanks to approval of \$20,000, and the bucket loader will get fixed. Road Commissioner Fred Corriveau had recommended the re-

pair work be done.

In municipal elections from the floor, residents re-elected town officials who were not opposed.

They are Selectman Alfred Leighton, Road Commissioner Corriveau, Town Clerk/Treasurer Lin Chapman, Tax Collector Judy Perrille and School Committee member Lise McLain.



Above left, moderator Paul Handlen answers a question from Selectman Alfred Leighton (far right). Between them are Selectman Jeremy Morin (with head down) and Selectman Steve McLain. Above right, Gilead voters approve funds for the maintenance and operation of the Town Office and Town Hall.

A. Aloisio

## OCSD Patrol Log

Monday, March 23

At 11:31 a.m. Deputy Josh Wyman investigated a harassment complaint on Main Street in Greenwood. A warning was to be issued.

Tuesday, March 24

At 7:06 a.m. Deputy Andy Whitney did a traffic detail on Mason Street in Bethel, near the school zone. One vehicle was stopped and given a warning.

At 4:45 p.m. Sgt. Tim Ontengco responded to Broad Street in Bethel for a report of a sex crime. The case was under investigation and was to be referred to detectives.

Wednesday, March 25

At 8:25 a.m. Deputy Andy Whitney took a report of a telephone scam in Bethel. The caller was pretending to be from the IRS and seeking personal information.

At 12:25 a.m. Deputy Dave Hodgson arrested Johanna Gardner, 25, of Bethel for disorderly conduct in Bethel.

At 6:59 p.m. several officers went to Mason Street in Bethel to search for stolen items with a search warrant.

Thursday, March 26

At 7:08 a.m. Deputy Andy Whitney did a traffic detail on Intervale Road in Bethel. Two cars were given speed warnings.

At 9:38 a.m. Deputy Josh Wyman investigated a late report theft complaint from the Town of Andover on South Main Street in Andover. The incident was under investigation.

At 9:47 p.m. Deputy Richard Murray investigated a criminal threatening complaint in Albany. The investigation was ongoing.

At 10:35 a.m. Deputy Josh Wyman arrested David Charron, 27, in Bethel on a warrant for unpaid fines.

Friday, March 27

At 1:06 p.m. a Bethel resident reported being harassed. Deputy Dave Hodgson issued a warning.

At 5:44 p.m. Deputy Richard Murry assisted the animal control officer and Humane Society in a search warrant in Albany. A horse was removed from a subject who was prohibited from owning horses.

Saturday, March 28

At 6:03 p.m. Cpl. George Cayer received a report that a subject in Newry had had his vehicle vandalized.

Sunday, March 29

At 8:33 a.m. a subject found a wallet in Bethel and turned it into the Sheriff's Office. Later in the day it was returned to the owner, who was very thankful for the 'Good Samaritan.'

At 11:10 a.m. Deputy Josh Wyman investigated a theft complaint in Newry.

At 8:41 p.m. Sgt. Matt Baker received a report of an intoxicated subject on Main Street in Bethel. He was busy with another incident and on arrival the subject had been retrieved.

At 7:38 p.m. Sgt. Tim Ontengco was assigned to speak to a subject in Bethel regarding a threat complaint.

At 8:49 p.m. Sgt. Tim Ontengco responded to Route 2 in West Bethel for a report of an injured deer in the road. The deer was dispatched. The Bethel 'deer list' was called but no one wanted the deer.

Monday, March 30

At 4:23 p.m. a caller reported a suspicious subject hanging around a plaza on Main Street in Bethel and scaring children. Sgt. Tim Ontengco was assigned.

## Bethel

By Nancy Brown

Late March is its own contradictory season here in Maine: part mud season and part winter, with a hint of spring temperatures.

Last week temperatures hit the high 40s; snow melted off lawns and road banks, then winter fought back with snow flurries and freezing rain on Saturday. More snow flurries are expected later this week. Now is the time for us to remember that snow storms are not unusual in April, or even in May.

I'm one of the few people happy with the current weather. Although there are bare spots where the sun hits, there's still plenty of snow for decent snowshoeing. The trails, especially the snowmobile trails, are packed and bare in spots, but in the woods off the trails the snow is still two feet or more deep in most places. I snowshoed through the woods on Sunday and found the snow granular, soft, and wet. Even on snowshoes I continually sank into the snow. It was a good workout. I'm hoping for snowshoeing into mid-April.

Other signs of spring I saw this weekend: the Bethel Skate Park on the Parkway was being cleared of snow

on Sunday. Bethel Bicycle on Route 2 was open with a sign encouraging people to tune up their bicycles for spring. Bicyclists are back on the roadways after a long winter. Please be aware and drive safely and courteously.

Last week I reported that I found the first spring flowers, blossoming pussy willows; this week skunk cabbages have pushed their way through the ice and snow and are blossoming.

Another good sign for spring travelers. The cost of gasoline, after going up for the last few months, has started to slide down again. On Sunday, the average price of a gallon of gas nationally was \$2.42 per gallon. Here in Maine the cost per gallon was \$2.37. Keep your eyes open for lower prices. I bought gas in Auburn on Saturday for \$2.27 a gallon. Down the street on Minot Avenue, gas was \$2.09 a gallon with a car wash. A year ago we were paying an average of \$3.54 per gallon.

If you have news to share, please e-mail me at brownnancy1950@gmail.com, or call me at 824-2483.

## East Bethel

By Wally Ritz

Seeing the snowflakes today (Monday), had me a bit discouraged. Yet, I

## OCSD Jail Log

March 27, 1:20 a.m.: Thomas J. Cummings, 24, of Stoneham, Mass., OUI; by Officer Greg Tirado in Bethel.

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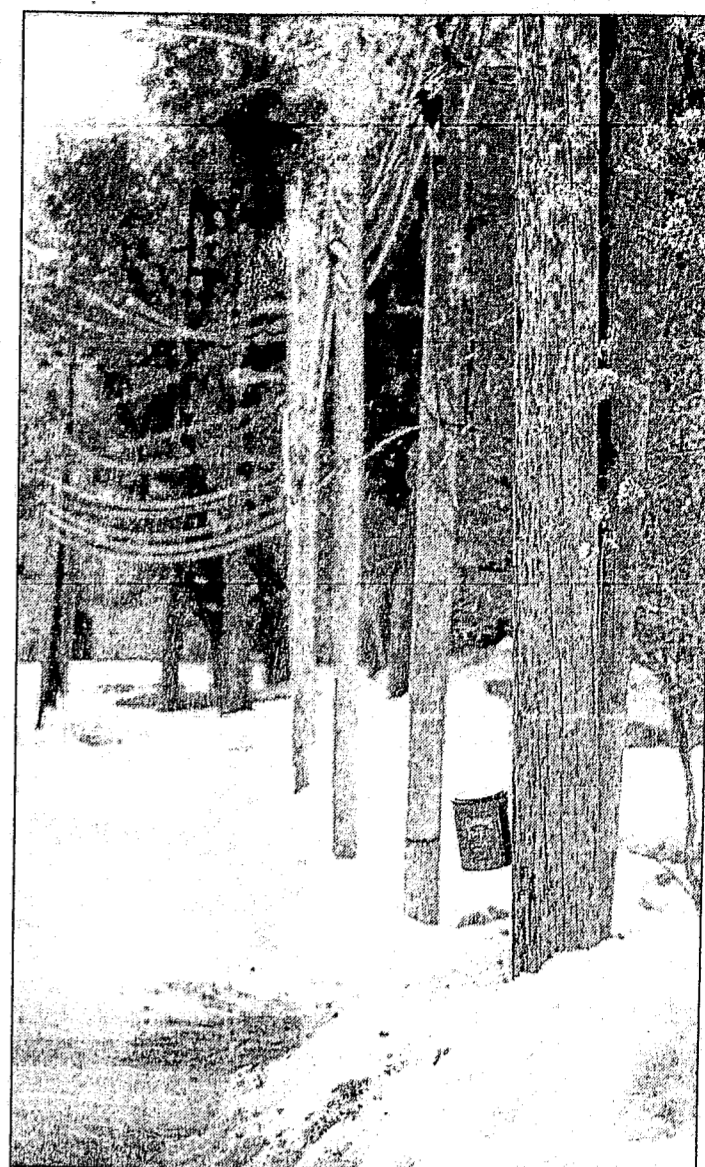
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APRIL FOOL, OR DESPERATION? A maple sugaring buff on Elm Street in Bethel placed Folger's coffee cans on several maple trees, hoping to collect sap in what so far has been, according to some, an underwhelming season. Then, in perhaps a commentary on the sugaring, a sign of pure desperation, or just a little April foolery, the syruper also placed a can on a utility pole across the street.

A. Aloisio

kept reminding myself that the worst is over and it won't amount to anything. I bet many of you did the same thing, huh?

Easter is approaching fast and I hope to hear about all the family celebrations. Call me at 507-1008 or e-mail heinrichcracker@gmail.com. Now, to clarify my e-mail address to those who never asked like some have yet wondered. "Heinrich" was my Dad's name and as my maiden name is "Ritz" I had intended for my e-mail to read "ritzcracker@...". Coming to find out, it was taken!! My Dad would laugh and appreciate me combining his name and what folks associate our last name with.

Neil Olson told me that he went to Virginia in February for some trapping. His and Linda's oldest grandson, Connor Aube, went to Phoenix Ariz. and played in a baseball All Star double header. He did quite well. Way to go, Connor, from all of us in the neighborhood. Oh, and mark your calendars! Trappers' Weekend will be from Aug. 20 through 22.

Here is the new Trivia: In

1965, who was on the University of Maine's annual southern training tour?

Have a great week, and Happy Easter.

## Andover

By Jane C. Rich

As the snow is melting, I keep looking for another sign of spring - those little daffodils popping up their heads next to the warm, granite foundation of the parsonage. So far, no such sightings have occurred.

The Snow Valley Snowmobile Club will hold the final meeting of this season on Saturday, April 4 at 6 p.m. in the clubhouse off of Route 5. The main business will be the election of officers and a pot luck supper, so bring a dish to share.

Those wishing to keep the sacred observances of Holy Week have the opportunity to attend a Maundy Thursday service with Communion at the First Congregational Church on Thursday evening at 6:30 p.m. which will include a light meal. The

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the emergency brake could be triggered and that alone can swing the chair enough to dump you out. Anyway – food for thought. Ski safely and have fun.

Congratulations to this year's winner of the Dumont Cup, X-Games medalist, Bobby Brown. Second place went to amateur Teal Harle. Sarah Devlin from the Sunday River Ski Resort told me it was great to see an amateur on the podium because the event was created to give amateurs a venue for competing against the pros. There are lots of events happening at the mountain this spring. Make sure to check them out. This weekend is one of the favorites, Parrot-head Weekend. There will be lots of festive activities including an Easter egg hunt and an Easter Interdenominational Sunrise Service.

At Monday's Selectboard meeting, the board was asked about giving a portion of the yearly cable franchise money to Western Hills Access Television. It sounds like the association handles high school and other community televised events. The franchise money is usually around \$10,000 to \$12,000. I asked if the access channel could be used for our town meeting and such and was told that it might be possible. Brooks Morton volunteered to look into the matter. Earlier this year he suggested using the franchise money for upgrading technology at the office.

The Board discussed possible changes to the way the Planning Board members get paid. After much discussion, Chair Wendy Hanscom suggested they didn't have to continue doing things as they are now. But in the end, it looks like it will not change much at all. The Planning Board is still looking for members. Call the town office if interested.

Joe Aloisio gave the Board his final plan for the Letter S project. Once the Board approves the new plan, Joe can send it out to bid. Dave Bonney, Newry CEO, had some questions about the possibility that some landowners next to the project might be affected by the digging. Joe said he would look into it.

Sunday River resident Gary Drown asked the Board about the possibility of the town buying some land up near the covered bridge. He said currently the parking available is not adequate for the events that are held there. Also, the Mountain Explorer would stop in there if there was a place to turn around. Mr. Drown asked the Board for their opinion, and they said they would like to look into it. Jim Largess said he would love to get back to him with a more thought out response, but his first reaction is that he would not be in favor of it. Mr. Drown runs a vacation rental business in Newry.

The town is still looking for a sexton and road committee members. Dave Bonney replaced Jim Largess as Newry's representative on the Bingham Trust Board.

#### Locke's Mills

By Amy Chapman

By the time you read this, it will be April. My crocuses are still under at least a foot of snow, but last weekend I noticed some

brave iris and daylily shoots beginning to poke up next to the foundation, where the snow has melted back.

Early April is often not very spring-like here in Maine, but it does bring with it a few things that help to remind us that spring really is on the way.

Open-water fishing season has begun (on the off-chance that you can find any open water). I noticed the two ice-fishing shacks on North Pond being removed over the weekend. I don't expect ice out any time soon, but you never know. In just the past few years, it has varied from March 22 to the first week of May, and it only takes a few unseasonably warm days to make a big difference in the safety of the ice.

Over in Brookfield, Vt., where one of my brothers lives, the historical society sponsors an ice-out contest on their local pond. For \$2, you can guess the date and time that Dunkin, a plywood figure rigged to a cement block, will go through the ice. (There's an alarm clock involved, too, but I can't remember just how it all works; suffice it to say that my brother is an engineer.) The winner gets 25 percent of the proceeds, and the Brookfield Historical Society gets the rest. Maybe the Greenwood Historical Society could try a similar fundraiser next year?

Early April also brings the start of the major-league baseball season, and my daughter Caitlin's birthday. She was born on Opening Day of the Red Sox season in 1985, shortly after I watched the game (which the Sox won) from my room at Stephens Hospital, and she has been a Sox fan pretty much ever since. By the time she was three years old, if you gave her the first name of any Red Sox starter, she would enthusiastically fill in the last name – "Boggs! Greenwell! Evans! Benzing!" It was a great party trick.

Michelle at The Local Hub tells me that April 1 marked the one-year anniversary of the day she and Dara purchased the business from Nick and Janet. They closed for a few weeks for renovations, then reopened on May 9, 2014. When I stopped in on Sunday to buy eggs and see what was new, a customer who described himself as "a regular from Bethel" told me to be sure to say that "their meatloaf sandwich is taking the town by storm!" I haven't tried one yet myself, but I do like a good meatloaf sandwich, so I plan to indulge soon.

The town's budget committee was able to wrap up most of its work in two sessions this year. The committee and the selectmen now

just need to obtain estimated paving costs from Road Foreman Alan Seames in order to determine the amount of a highway bond for which they will recommend applying.

I was saddened to hear that Wayne Hakala lost his long, tough fight with cancer last week. Wayne has been involved in so many aspects of town government and life in Greenwood throughout the years that his passing will leave a big hole in the community.

Condolences go out to Anita and the family, and to Wayne's many friends. There will be a memorial service this Saturday, April 4, at 1 p.m. at the American Legion post on the Gore Road, Wayne's "second home."

Sympathy is also extended to Alan Hamilton and family on the loss of Frances "Chummy" Hamilton. Chummy enjoyed an active lifestyle of skiing, golf and living year-round at their home on Twitchell Pond for many years. Her funeral service will be held on May 23 at 11 a.m. at the Locke's Mills Union Church.

Remember to contact me with news. E-mail amy.w.chapman@gmail.com or call 875-5511.

#### South Woodstock

By Lolalce Dillingham

Thursday, March 26, 11:25 p.m.

Good evening dear readers, it's a beautiful spring evening here tonight, a light rain and temperature of 39.7 degrees.

Condolences to the families

of Wayne Hakala and Wm. O. LaFlamme. Our thoughts and prayers are going out to each family member.

Belated birthday wishes for those that celebrated birthdays in March – Kathy Bartlett, Eileen Mowett, Amanda Corriveau, Andrea Lane, Lainey Cross, Chris Lamb, Christine Hanscom, Ginny Brown, Natasha Hodson, Megan Hodson, Rachael Severance, Jim Miclon, Harold Wilbur, Mark Thurlow, Jessie Hart, Janice Walker, Joyce Hathaway, Ruby Coolidge, Nancy Wardwell, and Rachael Wilday.

Belated anniversary wishes to Roger and Marie Wilday.

We have been busy entertaining the residents at the nursing homes, rehab centers and Veteran's home.

We had to cancel one of our commitments this week due to me getting a bad sinus infection and coughing.

Daddy O's of Oxford will be opening their new place of business next week, they will be located in the corner building from where the Oxford Cinema was. Hope to see some of you there occasionally.

Congratulations to Mike Nadeau who was elected new Selectman of Woodstock, Alice Deegan was elected Library of Trustee and Sheryl Wilbur as SAD 44 School Board member.

Celebrating birthdays in April are Tracie Mason, Scott Roberts, Frank Hodson III, Nellie Emery, Mary Jane Newell, Marie Coffin, Andrea Lane, and Muriel Knightly.

Anniversary wishes are going out to Barry and Melody

Hadley.

Get well wishes to those who have been down with the flu and other medical issues.

There will be a Fundraiser Dinner on April 18 at 5 p.m. at the West Paris American Legion (former grange hall) for five month old Abby Elizabeth Black (daughter of Nathaniel Black and Melanie Ryerson). Dinner will consist of hearty soups, chowders, and chili along with homemade breads and a dessert buffet. Suggested donations will be \$7 for adults, \$5 per child, and \$20 for a family of 4. "To go" dinners will be available. FMI call Anna at 207-685-9043.

That's all from the valley this week. Stay well and have a wonderful weekend

#### Waterford

By Rockie Graham



It is not snowing today, but it is said to be raining. I shall see. I am getting outside more and walking every day. That means going into town since the road here is still ice and snow with a little mud thrown in. So, it is to Norway I go.

My computer is malfunctioning so my columns do not go through. This one will be faxed to the town office.

Saturday, March 14, I received a phone call from Jay Adams, currently of Bethel, in response to my ad to find a good home for Penelope.

He came by, liked her and took her home with him. I think she will be happier there as she won't be alone so much. In any case, Dave went on a cleaning rampage to get rid of all the hair that she shed and to generally clean up after her in ways that I could not. Hair can still be found. So the pig era ends. She isn't a bad pig, just more than I can handle in my current state. Although sold as a very clean animal, like most animals she sheds her coat this time of year and we had to clean up after her. She also liked to shred cardboard and otherwise be a pain. Can't wait to hear how she fares with Jay. He is younger and has the needed patience.

I have lost track of everything – all my papers and numbers. I am typing this on my laptop, again, as my computer got a virus when Dave put on new antivirus software. Go figure. Now I am waiting for friend Martin to see if he can figure out how to fix it. We shall see. If not, I have to find a good computer person and get it fixed. This computer is fine, but hard to use and a bit hard on my hands. My e-mails do not go through on it.

The sun is almost warm when it comes out, but it is still cold and the winds are fierce. They can almost run a small car off the road. With new frost heaves cropping up every day, the roads can be a new challenge each time one drives them. I wait for warmer weather when

## Artist David Wolfe display at Gould

Now through April 15, Gould Academy's Owen Art Gallery is displaying the works of artist David Wolfe. David Wolfe is the proprietor of Wolfe Editions, a letterpress and fine art print studio in Portland Maine. David has taught book design and book arts at The Maine College of Art, Bowdoin College, Wellesley College, and Dartmouth College, along with ongoing letterpress and book arts classes in his own studio. He was the Master Printmaker for the 2009 winter residency program at Penland School of Crafts in North Carolina. David is the 2010 Traditional Arts Fellow of the Maine Arts Commission, honoring his thirty years of letterpress printing in Maine.

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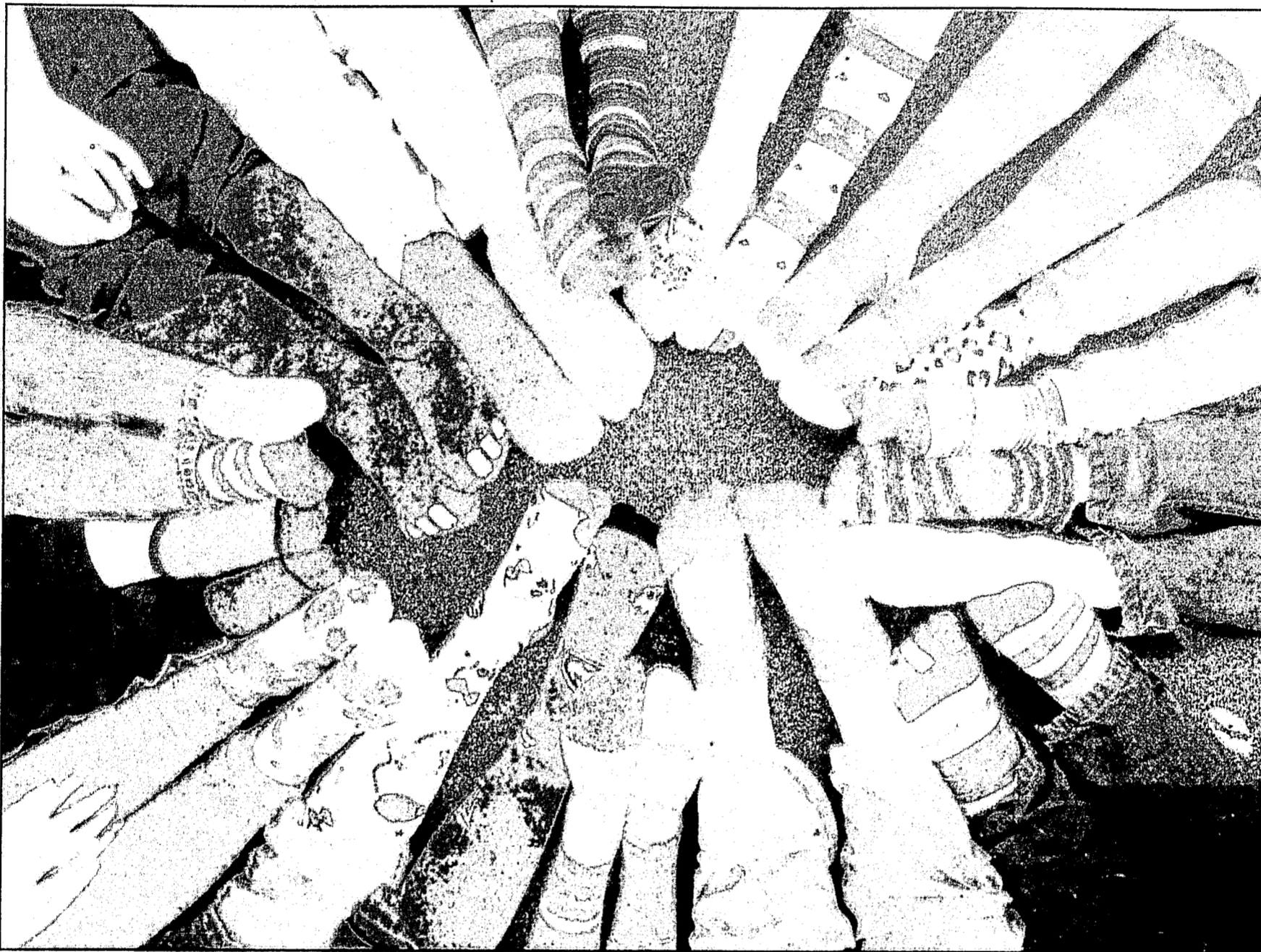
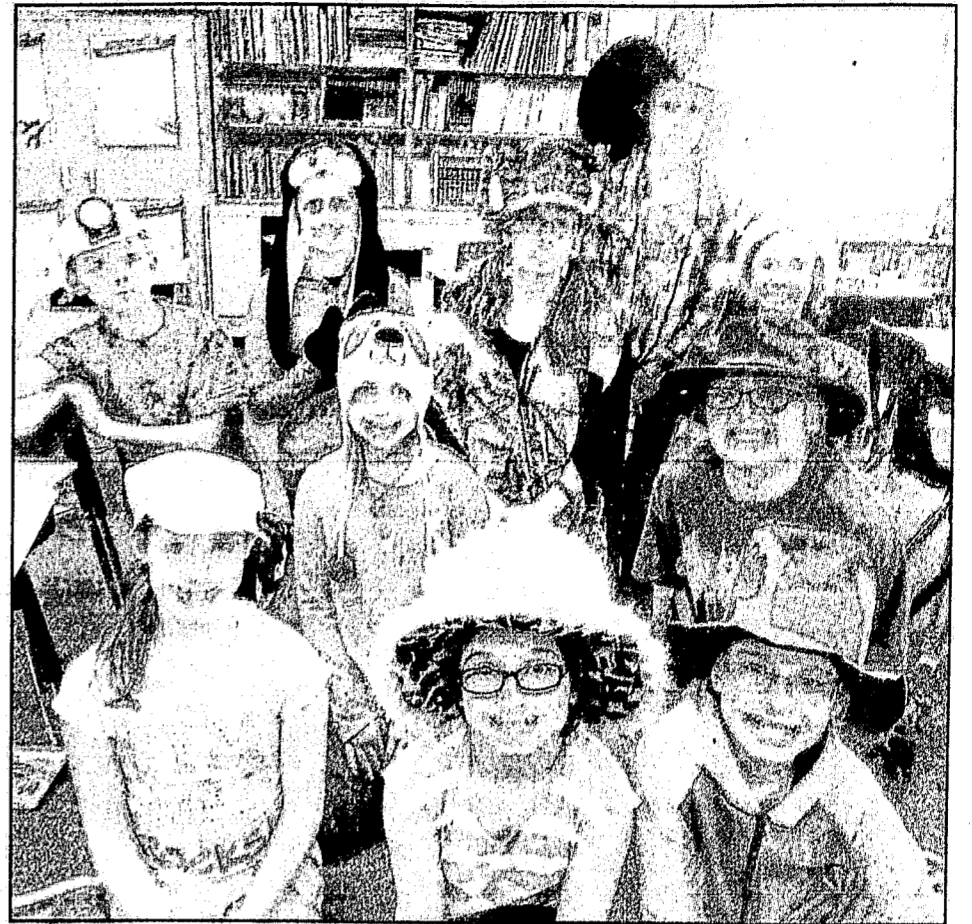
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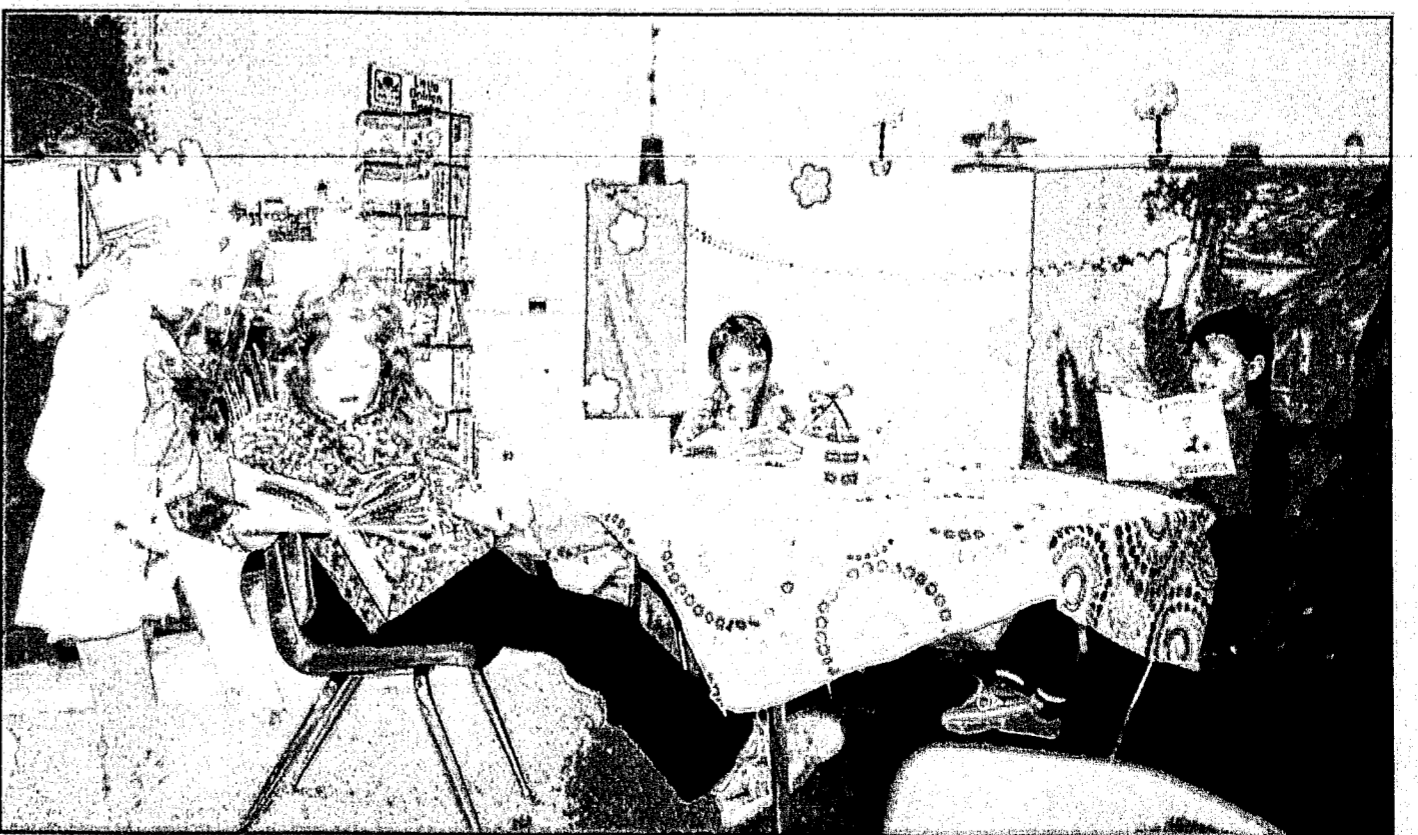


# Woodstock Elementary celebrates Dr. Seuss



The Woodstock Elementary School celebrated Dr. Seuss Spirit Week last week. Each day had a designated theme. From top, left to right: Grade 1 wearing their Red, White & Black clothes on the day of the same name. Grade 5 students on Hat Day. Silly Socks Day. WES Secretary Cindy Bobbe as The Cat in the Hat. Halea Monelt and Jennifer Campbell enjoy the 'Seuss Cafe,' for which students went to the library, where 'waiters' took their order for a Dr. Seuss book, delivered it, then picked it up and brought a new one when each student was done reading. Fourth-grade Student Council member Colby Hastings writes down an order. Olivia Seames takes an order from Karen Marshall; also at table are Kenny Knapp and Estella Diaz.

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## Poliquin holds local forum

On March 21 Congressman Bruce Poliquin addressed approximately 50 members of Maine's 2nd congressional district at the Mundt-Alten Post 81 post home. Legion members and others, both democrat and republicans travelled from all over Oxford County, including West Paris, Bryant Pond, Woodstock, Greenwood and Albany. Mr. Poliquin spoke briefly about recent votes taken in the U.S. House, his rationale for voting as he did and also concerns by members of Congress about the President's position on negotiating with Iran about their nuclear program. He stated that he joined a number of Representatives in signing a letter

to President Obama outlining their concerns on that important matter.

Following his opening remarks, Mr. Poliquin opened the floor to questions from the floor. Several veterans expressed concerns about VA medical care and the general erosions in military and veteran benefits as well as concerns about National security. There were numerous questions and comments from others about deteriorating conditions in the Middle East and the dangers facing Israel and the U.S. if Iran acquires nuclear weapons. Others were concerned about the costs of health care, the effects of "Obamacare" and suggestions

about how or what should be done to address these issues. There were also lively discussions about schools, budget cuts, how local communities must work to balance their budgets and comments about requiring the Federal Government to address long term national debt issues.

While no consensus was reached, it became clear by most of the comments made by attendees that there is much unrest and concern about what is happening in the Federal Government today. Mr. Poliquin made it a point to express his desire to work with other politicians across the aisle to address his constituents' concerns.



**LEARNING SKI HISTORY AT CPS-The Ski Museum of Maine** is developing the prototype of an in-school education program in collaboration with teachers at the Crescent Park School and SAD 44. The pilot program began recently with fourth-graders at CPS. Scott Andrews, the museum's curator and professional historian, is leading the Ski Museum's portion of the project. In his meeting with the students, he described Maine's ski history using a slide show and examples of ski equipment through the years, including old wooden skis with leather top loops, tie and buckle boots, and a "Snurfer" - the earliest form of a snowboard. Top, Andrews holds up an old ski pole. Left, students look at old skis. Based on the results of the program, Andrews and the teachers will develop an expanded program for the 2015-2016 school year. Following that, the Museum is exploring ways to expand it statewide. A. Aloisio

## News from the Bethel Historical Society

### Women's History Month Program Well Attended

On Saturday afternoon, March 28, over 30 people attended the Society's annual Women's History Month program entitled "Women Soldiers of the Civil War." The film and discussion event was held in conjunction with "Local & Legendary: Maine in the Civil War," a collaborative project of Gould Academy, the Bethel Library Association and the Bethel Historical Society. The focus of the film was on women who, despite the extraordinary obstructions of the era, actually took to the battlefields and served in the ranks of both the Union and Confederate armies disguised as men, with not a few taking the place of husbands who, for various reasons, were unable to enlist. Called "the best-kept historical se-

cret of the Civil War," their participation in the conflict was an act both rebellious and patriotic.

### Upcoming "Local & Legendary" Film Series

As part of an on-going community project entitled "Local & Legendary: Maine and the Civil War," free Friday night screenings of thought-provoking Civil War films will take place during April at Gould Academy's Bingham Hall auditorium. The following films will be presented: April 3, Gettysburg; April 10, Glory; April 17, Ambrose Bierce: Civil War Stories; April 24, Cold Mountain. The "Local & Legendary" project is a collaboration between Gould Academy, the Bethel Library Association and the Bethel Historical Society. It is sponsored by the Maine Historical Society and Maine

Humanities Council, with funding provided by the National Endowment for the Humanities.

### New Signs and Branding on the Way

Following much research and discussion, the Society's Executive Committee has approved new wording for replacement signs that will be installed this spring in front of the Robinson and Mason houses. Because each building is essentially a stand-alone museum, with different open times and public offerings, the name "Museums of the Bethel Historical Society" will now be used to identify the organization's facilities on Broad Street. Members and friends who receive the "Broad Street Herald" newsletter or visit the BHS website ([www.bethelhistorical.org](http://www.bethelhistorical.org)) may have already noticed this clarification in the Society's branding.

## Poet Rachel McKibben at Gould Academy

Thursday, April 23, slam poet Rachel McKibben will be visiting Gould Academy as part of the Richard Blanco Visiting Writers Program and Retreat. While here, Rachel will give a free public reading in Bingham Auditorium at 7:30 p.m. Poet, activist, playwright and essayist, Rachel McKibben is a New York Foundation for the Arts poetry fellow and author of the critically acclaimed volume of poetry, *Pink Elephant* (Cypher Books, 2009). Regarded as one of the most

dynamic speakers in the country, McKibben is a legend within the poetry slam community, noted for her accomplishments both on and off the stage: she is a nine-time National Poetry Slam team member, has appeared on eight NPS final stages, coached the New York LouderARTS poetry slam team to three consecutive final stage appearances, is the 2009 Women of the World Poetry Slam champion and the 2011 National Underground Poetry Slam individual champion.

## Rumford Hospital Auxiliary seeks items for May yard sale

The Rumford Hospital Auxiliary is seeking items for its Saturday, May 16 Yard Sale. Whether it's a single item, a room full or house full, the Auxiliary will gladly accept it. The Auxiliary accepts everything except major appliances and clothing. Furniture, rugs, kitchen goods, books and office

items are big sellers. All proceeds are donated to Rumford Hospital.

Members of the Auxiliary will be at 209 Lincoln Avenue on Friday mornings during May to accept donations from the public for the yard sale. Pick up for donations to the sale can be arranged by calling 364-3648 or 562-4343.

## State Climatologist to speak in Norway

The global climate is changing at a rapid rate due to human activities, namely the burning of fossil fuels, industrial agriculture, and deforestation. The effects of these changes are being felt worldwide. Here in Maine, we are seeing earlier ice-out dates on our lakes, new pests and diseases in our fields and forests, and warmer water temperatures dramatically affecting the Gulf of Maine ecosystem. While the effects of climate change are becoming more dramatic, most of us still do not fully understand the science behind what is driving it and how scientists model future changes in the climate system.

On April 16, as a kickoff to a week of Earth Day related events, Maine State Climatologist, Sean Birkel Ph.D. will visit the Center for an Ecology-Based Economy (CEBE) in Norway to discuss the science behind climate change and how it is and will be affecting us here in Maine.

Birkel is a Research Assistant Professor at the Climate Change Institute at the University of Maine,

Orono. He received his Ph.D. in Earth Sciences and Ice Sheet Modeling in 2010 and currently focuses on climate modeling for the Institute. Birkel is the co-author of many peer-reviewed papers on climate issues. His research interests include both Maine historical climatology, as well as modern environmental change. He is currently developing a tool called the Climate Reanalyzer at [www.cci-reanalyzer.org](http://www.cci-reanalyzer.org), a website that provides access to climate and weather models, and historical weather station data.

Following Birkel's talk, CEBE will host a discussion on how climate change will affect our local communities and what can be done to both prepare for those changes and to help mitigate their long-term effects.

All are welcome to attend this free lecture and discussion sponsored by CEBE and the Western Foothills Land Trust. For more information about this event and all of the Earth Day related events taking place in Norway please visit [www.ecologybasedeconomy.org](http://www.ecologybasedeconomy.org) or call 207-739-2101.

## Trout sale and workshop offered

Orders for delivery of Rainbow, Brown or Brook trout to private ponds are now being accepted. Due to the cold, snowy winter there may be a shortage of trout in the 8-10 inch range so get your order in early. All trout orders must be received by May 15. The fish will be delivered directly to your pond by Sonny Pierce of Pierce Associates/Shy Beaver Hatchery of West Buxton. Sonny retired from IF&W and will be happy to share his extensive knowledge of trout and trout habitat with you. A Permit to Stock from the Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife is required and may be obtained by going to their website, or by calling or stopping in at the Oxford County Soil & Water Conservation District office.

On Saturday, April 25 there will be a Farm Pond Construction and Trout Stocking Workshop held in Cummings Hall of First Baptist Church of Paris, located at 500 Paris Hill Road, Paris. Beginning at 9 a.m., Candace

Gilpatrick, Natural Resource Conservation Service Agricultural Engineer and Sonny Pierce of Shy Beaver Hatchery will lead a workshop on farm pond construction and stocking your private pond with trout. Both of these workshops are interesting, informative and will include plenty of time for individual questions and answers. The morning workshop will end at 11:30 and be followed by lunch and a field trip to a local farm pond for a "walk and talk."

Check-in for the day is 8:30 to 9 a.m. Snacks and lunch will be served. There is a fee of \$20 for the day and pre-registration by April 22 is required. To register for the workshop, please call Oxford County Soil & Water Conservation District at 743-5789, ext. 111, e-mail [oxfordcountyswd@gmail.com](mailto:oxfordcountyswd@gmail.com), or stop by our office at 17 Olson Road, South Paris.

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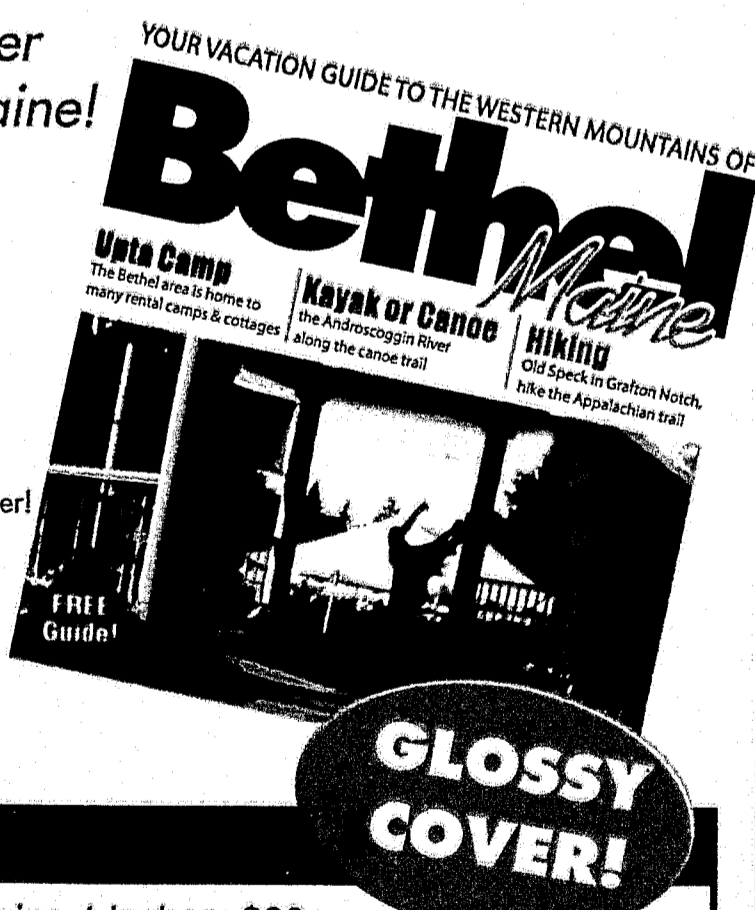
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# Puzzles4Kids

by Helene Hovanec

## CRISSCROSS - "AN" WORDS

Each word will fit into one spot in the grid. Use the starting letters as a guide and fit each word into its spot. All words will be used, so cross off each one after you put it into the grid.

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ANY  
FAN

4 Letters

ANTS  
BEAN  
THAN

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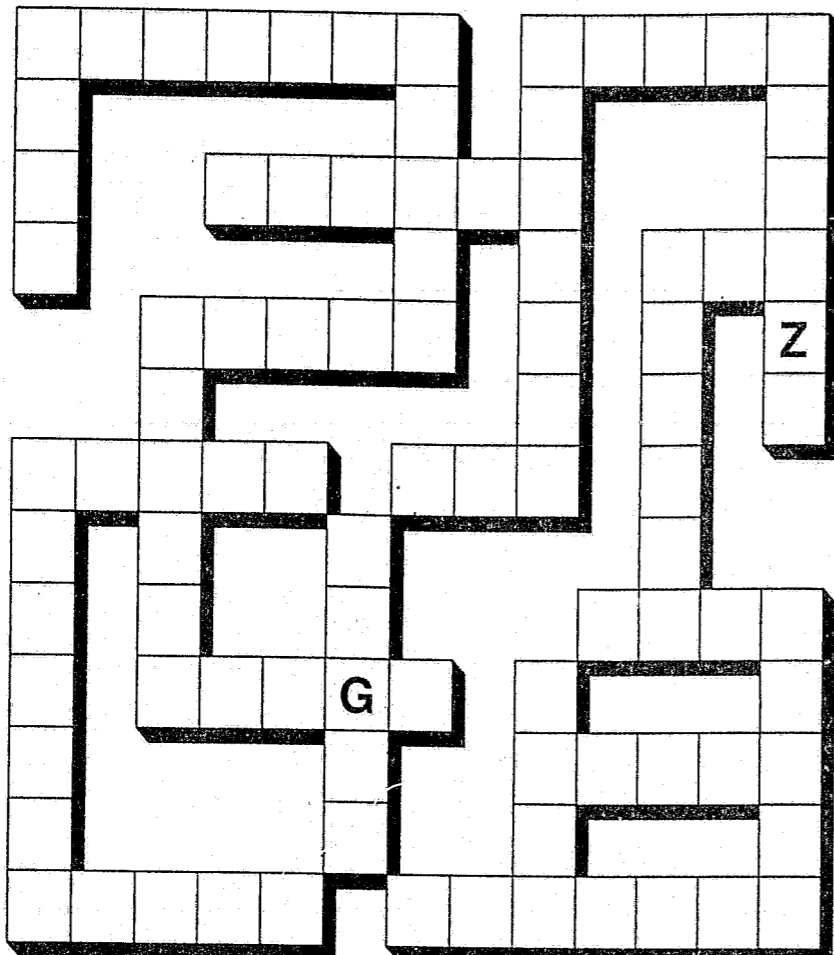
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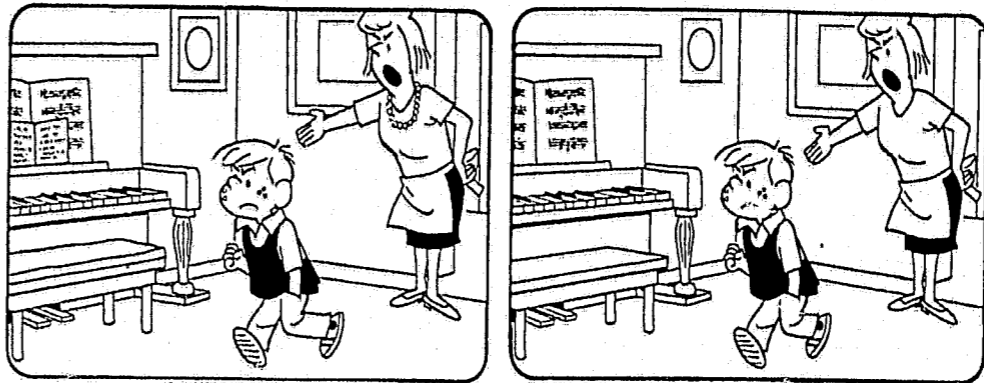
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## HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences:  
1. Songbook is missing. 2. Bench cushion is missing. 3. Picture frame is different. 4. Arm is moved. 5. Leg is shorter. 6. Bead necklace is missing.

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## CryptoQuip

This is a simple substitution cipher in which each letter used stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Solution is accomplished by trial and error.

Clue: H equals E

TRGPU Z NZQRGV UJ. VBGVV

LDZJZLSBJ TDR OV NRGEU SR

WB Z SRSZP NJZGU WB EZQBU

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## SCRAMBLERS

Unscramble the letters within each rectangle to form four ordinary words. Then rearrange the boxed letters to form the mystery word, which will complete the gag!

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Glee  
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Great  
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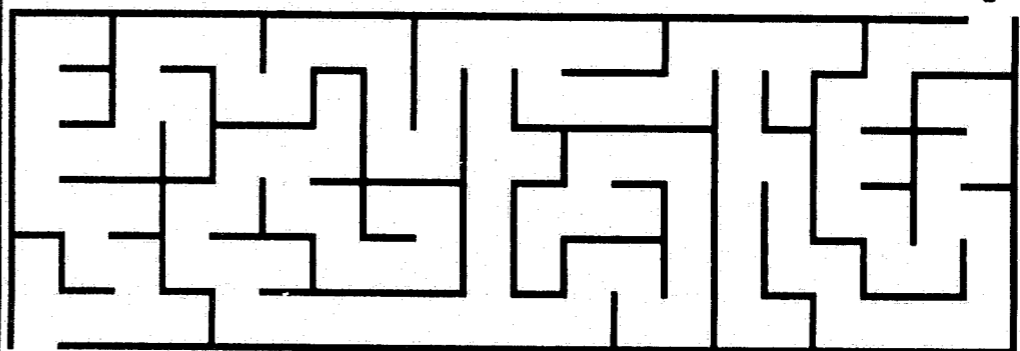
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TODAY'S WORD



"The ladders are for the tourist trade. We use the \_\_\_\_\_."

## Kids' Maze



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## Super Crossword

THE THIN, THE FLAT, AND THE ROUND

ACROSS

- 1 Reddish-brown pigment
- 7 Nitpicky know-it-all
- 13 Fleet leader
- 20 Instead (of)
- 21 Win over
- 22 Bishop's district
- 23 User's storage component
- 25 Gives approval
- 26 Rock's Brian
- 27 "My true love — see" ("Oh! Susanna" lyric)
- 28 Without, to Jean-Luc
- 30 Shrubby expanses
- 31 Disorder
- 33 NBA'er — Gasol
- 34 Occasion to say "King me"
- 36 Pasty luau food
- 38 Baseball card stat
- 40 — flight (go by jet)
- 41 Zing
- 42 Ship-deck diversion
- 48 Sauce giant
- 50 Brew source
- 51 Hotsy- —
- 52 Crown
- 54 Diver's gear
- 59 "The Girl With the Dragon Tattoo" heroine
- 61 Prefix with dose or ton
- 62 Less lenient
- 64 "Entertaining Mr. Sloane" dramatist
- 65 Participant in the sport
- 68 Yellow transport
- 69 Draw — on (take careful aim at)
- 71 — Brothers ("It's Your Thing" group)
- 72 Hanoi's home, briefly
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- 78 Naive
- 79 Brazilian soccer star
- 80 Tending to wear away
- 82 "Humm, let —"
- 83 Former NBA star Ming
- 84 Spiro who served with Nixon
- 86 False tale
- 87 K-P hookup
- 91 45's place
- 94 "Mickey" singer Basil
- 98 Gives help
- 100 In the style of
- 101 "Try — might ..."
- 102 It includes the sacrum
- 106 Nellie of social reform
- 108 Film-rating org.
- 112 Paris' mother
- 113 Author Jaffe
- 114 He defeated Romney
- 116 Put — (deceptions)
- 117 Like space debris
- 119 Commonality of seven answers in this puzzle
- 122 Turn loose
- 123 Gathering, as bees
- 124 Lie
- 125 Far — sheltered
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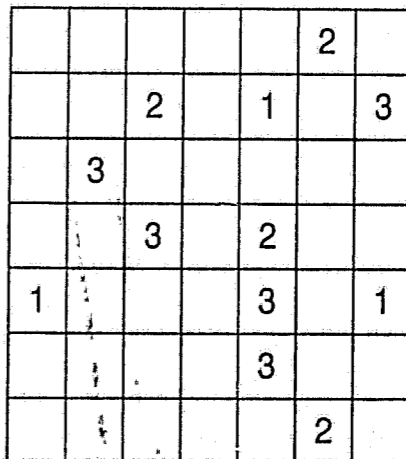
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## Star★Map

By Linda Thistle

Draw a star in exactly 10 of the empty squares in the diagram below so that each numbered square accurately indicates how many immediately adjacent squares (horizontally, vertically or diagonally) contain a star.



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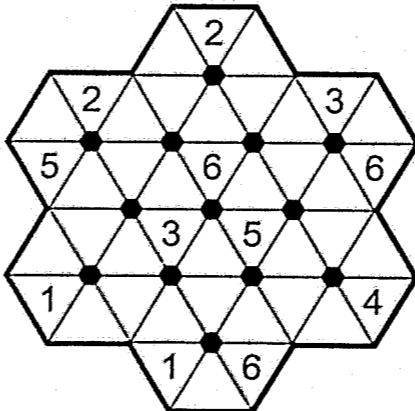
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by Japheth Light

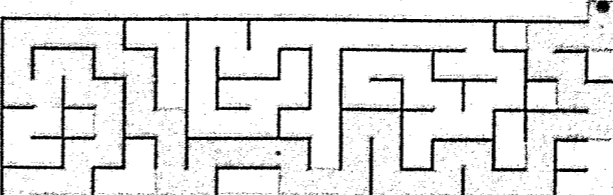
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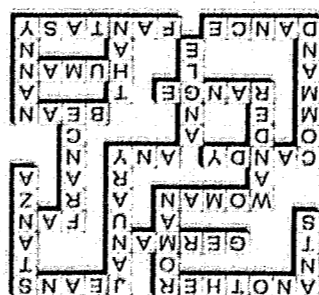
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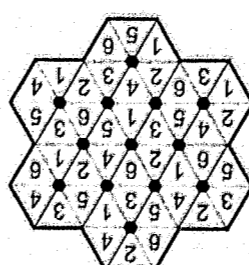


## Kids' Maze Solution

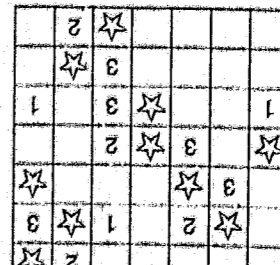
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Today's Word  
1. Convey; 2. Delight; 3. Super; 4. Dream  
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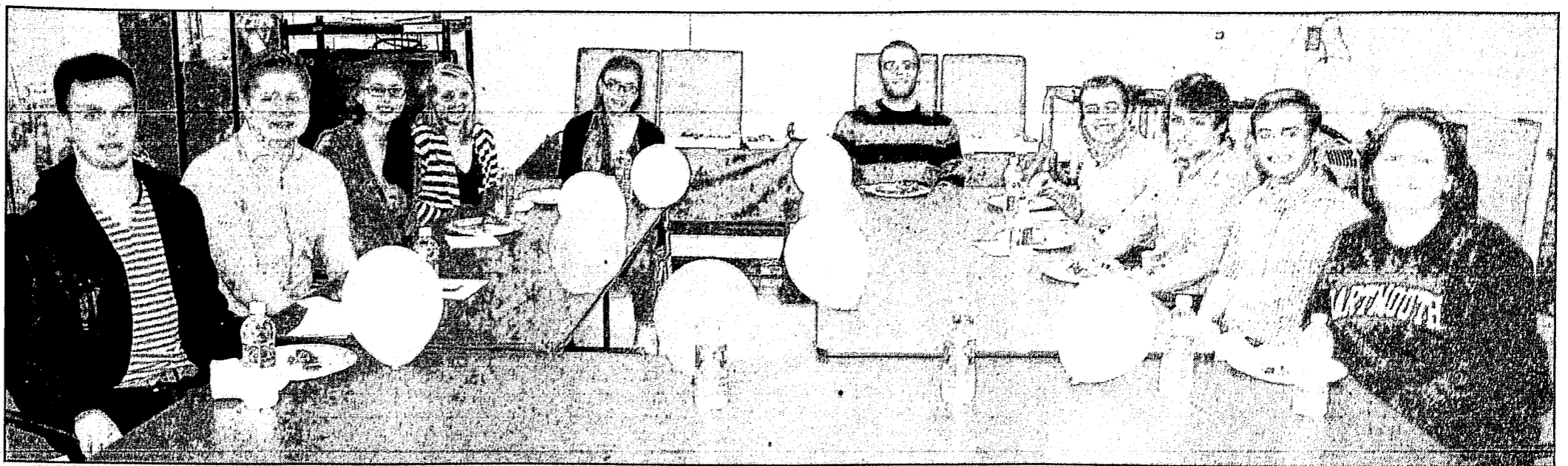
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**PIZZA FOR TELSTAR'S TOP 10**-The top 10 students of the Telstar High School Class of 2015 enjoyed a pizza lunch last week, compliments of Crossroads Diner of Bethel. Pictured are, from left: Gregory Wheeler, Aaron Speakman, Savannah Clough, Anne Cushman, Rebecca-Lynn Tuttle, Zachary Wheeler, Travis Wheeler, Christopher Chappie, Liam Gallagher and Anna Tyrina.

## Avalanche dangers in Tuckerman Ravine

Snow Rangers from the US Forest Service Mount Washington Avalanche Center are reminding visitors that, even though the calendar says it is spring, winter weather and snow conditions still have a firm grasp on Mt. Washington. "Late March and early April is a transition time," said Snow Ranger Jeff Lane. "However, this year it seems that winter conditions are holding on longer than they have in re-

cent years." "Usually around the end of March we start seeing more of the spring skier crowd," Lane says. "Slopes finally filled in with snow, the sun higher in the sky, and warmer, longer days can contribute to a more comfortable experience in the ravines." However, the comforts are not without hazard. "We see some of the largest and most destructive avalanches of the season in March and ear-

ly April, and unfortunately, we also see an increase in the number of people traveling in avalanche terrain without the knowledge, skills and equipment to do so safely." The U.S. Forest Service recommends visitors coming to Tuckerman Ravine or elsewhere on Mt. Washington spend time planning their trip in advance of arriving. This includes reading the daily Avalanche Ad-

visory issued by the Forest Service. If traveling into Tuckerman Ravine when avalanche danger exists, visitors should carry avalanche rescue equipment such as an avalanche transceiver, probe and shovel. Hikers should plan for steep icy slopes, days with poor visibility, and winter wind and temperatures. People without avalanche training and equipment should wait to visit until the snowpack has

had more time to stabilize later in the season. Avalanche danger is rated daily for Tuckerman and Huntington Ravines throughout the spring. The scale ranges from Low danger (generally safe avalanche conditions; small avalanches in isolated areas or extreme terrain) to Extreme danger (avoid all avalanche terrain; natural and human triggered avalanches are certain.) Most springtime

visitors come when danger is rated Low. Warm days and cold nights eliminate the winter layers within the snowpack and create the soft stable slopes that lure spring skiers. It often only takes a couple consecutive warm days and cold nights to stabilize much of the snowpack in Tuckerman. But Lane warns, "It also only takes one late season snowstorm

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## Obituaries



WAYNE HAKALA

Wayne E. Hakala of Greenwood passed away after a two year battle with cancer. Wayne was born in Norway, Dec. 20, 1944, a son of Stanley E. Hakala and Katherine E. (Morey). He attended Greenwood City School and graduated from West Paris High School and earned an associate's degree from Central Maine Community College.

Wayne met his wife Anita Pierce at a dance at the Locke's Mills Town Hall. They were married Dec. 4, 1965. Wayne joined the United States Air Force in 1965. He served a 12-month tour at Tan Son Nhut Air Force Base during the Vietnam War and he retired in August 1985 as a Master Sergeant in the Civil Engineering Division.

For the past 39 years Wayne has been a member of the American Legion Posts 150 Mechanic Falls and then Post 68 Locke's Mills. He has served as Post Commander for eight years and Fifth District Commander of Oxford County. Wayne was also active as a past Fire Chief for the Town of Greenwood and past Selectman and Planning Board Member; as well as a member of Jefferson Lodge 100, Bryant Pond.

He is survived by his wife Anita; his brothers Raymond and wife Norcen, South Paris; Stephen and wife Anita, Norway; Timothy and wife Cindy, Harrison; sisters Judith, New Hampshire; and Karen and husband Timothy Hutchison, Norway; brother-in-law Bruce Pierce and wife Arlene, Auburn; six nephews; five nieces; five great-nephews; six great-nieces; plus uncles, aunts,

cousins and many dear friends including "Chief" Al Curtis and wife Roberta; and Doreen and Harold Wilbur. The family wishes to express heartfelt gratitude for love and care provided by Beacon Hospice, Dr. Medd, Dr. Benton and nurses, Shelly, Wendy, Bethany, Patty-Ann and Linda at Stephens Memorial Hospital Infusion Room. Online condolences may be shared with his family at [www.chandlerfunerals.com](http://www.chandlerfunerals.com).

Services, starting with Masonic services, will be held Saturday, April 4 at 1 p.m. at the American Legion Hall Post 68 Locke's Mills. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in his memory to the Stephens Memorial Hospital Oncology Department for the Infusion Room, 181 Main Street, Norway, Maine 04268. Arrangements are under the care of Chandler Funeral Homes & Cremation Service, 45 Main Street, South Paris.



GILMAN WHITMAN

Gilman Bertrand Whitman, 88, passed on peacefully on March 17, 2015 at the Veteran's Home in South Paris. He was born in Portsmouth, N.H. on Oct. 26, 1926 to Gerald Bertrand and Jessie Yeasey Whitman.

He was at Essex Agricultural Institute in Danvers, Mass. majoring in Floriculture and Ornamental Horticulture when he was drafted on his birthday in 1944 but they deferred him for 4 months to finish his course. He graduated at the top of his class.

He was inducted into the Armed Services at Fort Williams and then shipped to Fort Devens in Massachusetts. He had advanced Infantry Training and was

in the South Pacific during World War II. He was the Provost Sergeant in a stockade in Leyte supervising Japanese prisoners of war. He was discharged in 1946.

Gil returned to Maine in the spring of 1947. He worked in the woods and in a saw mill in Bryant Pond. He bought a house in Bryant Pond in 1948 and built a ski tow in 1949. He purchased a store from Ray Langway in Locke's Mills in 1949 and also married Elizabeth Noyes of Locke's Mills that year. They sold the store in 1953.

In 1953 they purchased some land on Route 26 in Bryant Pond and built the Maine Wild Life Den and filled it with animals, birds and reptiles.

He served as Deputy Sheriff of Oxford County serving in the Court Room at South Paris. He served as State Representative in the 99th Legislature in 1958-61. He was majority floor leader for the 100th Legislature.

In the 1960s he was a member of the Balladeers Barber Shop Quartet and they sang throughout the state.

He was Oxford County Agent for the 4-H Clubs and traveled all over the state and enjoyed working with the young people.

He worked as a carpenter, electrician and learned blacksmithing for a few years. Liz was an RN and worked in the hospitals and did private duty. In 1964 they bought a house in Edgecomb and relocated there. He did renovations there and opened The Yankee Craftsman and the Lincoln Forge. One of his first commissions was a very large gate for an ancient cemetery in Bristol.

His first exposure on the international scene was Expo 67 at the World's Fair in Montreal. He had his first one man show in Pittsburgh, Pa. at the International Art Gallery in October 1970.

He did the wrought iron handrails in Wiscasset, many weathervanes, and small bronzes of hockey players. He was commissioned by the Philadelphia Flyers Hockey Team

for a life size reenactment of a goalie scoring called Score. It was outside the Spectrum Stadium in Philadelphia, Pa. in 1976.

He changed the name of his gallery from Yankee Craftsman to Gil Whitman Gallery in 1977 where he displayed his many ornamental sculptures on his lawn.

He did many line sculptures for area churches, chandeliers, lights and 3D relief work. He did the bronze wildflower collection for the blind complete with earphones for descriptions.

He did the Tiger Swallowtail which is now in front of the Whitman Library in Bryant Pond and the final big one, the Candlestick phone at the Remembrance Park in Bryant Pond in 2008. Gil moved back to Bryant Pond in 1998.

He is survived by his nieces, Deb Hays and Sandy Whitman and his nephews, Gerald Bertrand Macaulay and William Arthur Macaulay; grand-nephews, Aaron, David, Jesse and Mathew Macaulay and Michael Albano and grand-niece, Amy Albano.

Gil was a member of Jackson Silver American Legion, Jefferson Chapter Masons and the Locke Mills Union Church.

A Memorial Service will be held on Sat., May 16 at 2 p.m. at the Locke Mills Union Church in Greenwood. Donations may be made to the Whitman Library in Bryant Pond, Maine 04219 or the Remembrance Park, Town Office, Bryant Pond, Maine 04219. Arrangements are in the care of Chandler Funeral Homes and Cremation Service, 45 Main Street, South Paris. Condolences can be expressed at [www.chandlerfunerals.com](http://www.chandlerfunerals.com).

### BEN TAYLOR

Ben Taylor of Bethel and Hartford was pronounced dead on the mountain on the double black diamond trail "Black Hole" as a result of injuries sustained while skiing at Sunday River Ski Resort in Newry on March 25, 2015. Ben was an expert level skier and an employee of the resort since 2012 in the retail,

rental and marketing and sales departments.

Born in Philadelphia, Pa. on Aug. 1, 1979, Ben grew up in Pawling, N.Y., on the campus of the Trinity-Pawling School, a boarding school where his parents lived and worked. He spent his summers at the family camp on Canton Lake developing a love of the outdoors, hiking and canoeing as well as playing baseball on all levels for local Maine teams: Canton Little League, Northern Voyagers American Legion (Rumford), and the Pine Tree League team of the "Westies" of West Paris. Summer 2014 saw him help the softball team sponsored by LaFleur's Restaurant of Jay win the championship.

Ben was a standout scholar-athlete at Trinity-Pawling School in Pawling, N.Y., graduating cum laude in 1998. He earned academic honors, was a member of championship basketball teams, and received individual honors as a baseball player.

He attended the Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, Maryland, majoring in Psychology and receiving his Bachelor of Science degree in 2002. Ben, as a starting player on the baseball team was a multi-talented player and saw time in the outfield and all positions in the infield before settling in as a first baseman. During Ben's tenure at Hopkins, the team won two Centennial Conference championships and received an invitation to the NCAA Division III post season baseball tournament in 2001 and 2002.

After graduating from college, Ben worked at the University of Cincinnati, Institute of Research and for the National Institutes of Health (NIH) before entering a lifelong career in golf management and teaching. After working several years in Metro D.C., he settled in Maine in 2012 working first as a golf instructor at Camp Skylemar in Naples. In fall 2012 he was employed by Harris Golf at Sunday River Golf Club in Newry becoming Assistant General Manager in 2013 and then being promoted to take the reins as General Manager and Golf Professional at Wilson Lake Country Club in Wilton in 2014.

Ben will be remembered as an outgoing, thoughtful, compassionate person and a loving uncle. He looked for the best in others and gave the best he had whether he was teaching a novice golfer, playing baseball or softball, or fitting a skier with the right equipment.

He is survived by his mother and father John and Margaret Taylor of Hartford and his brother William Taylor of Pawling, N.Y. A private memorial service is planned. The family may be reached at [taylormargaret74@gmail.com](mailto:taylormargaret74@gmail.com).

## Births

### MEADER-BUCK

Allen Buck and Caeri Meader of Albany are pleased to announce the arrival of a baby girl, Avery-Jae Brenner Meader-Buck, born on March 15, 2015 at 5:11 a.m. at Stephens Memorial Hospital, weighing 8 pounds.

Maternal grandmother is Wendy A. Meader of Albany.

Paternal grandparents are Pamela and Leo Buck of Albany.

Avery-Jae joins a brother, Broedy Louis-Jamez Meader, age 2 1/4.

### SAVAGE

Allen Savage and Kathleen Young of Bryant Pond are pleased to announce the arrival of a baby boy, Keegan Leigh Savage, born on March 19, 2015 at 7:47 p.m. at Stephens Memorial Hospital, weighing 8 pounds 8 ounces.

Maternal grandparents are Randy Young and Wendy Young of Buckfield.

Paternal grandparents are Keith Savage, Sr. and Penny Savage of Greenwood.

Keegan joins a sister, Alana, age 3.

## Ravine

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for avalanche danger to rise back up to dangerous levels." Snow Rangers frequently remind people of the meaning behind Moderate danger. Across North America Moderate is defined as "Heightened avalanche conditions on specific terrain features.

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your own mind. Don't assume that the person who put the tracks chose a safe route or that they're going to act safely if they're still above you."

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